

Dissonant Voices

Teaching Untaught Histories

National Park Service
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Golden Gate
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Uprooting Chinatown

March 11, 2017

9:00 – 4:00

San Francisco
Chinatown

Workshop for
Secondary Educators



FREE Workshop

Award of \$125 Stipend

Full resource packet

When does racism masquerade as public health?

In the late 1800s and early 1900s, San Francisco's power elite made several attempts to remove the Chinese community and their places of cultural significance to areas far from the city center. The most-often reason quoted for the proposed uprooting of the Chinese community was public health. Join us as we examine examples of public health issues that were thinly-veiled racist policies.

Is the experience of Chinese in San Francisco over a hundred years ago similar to the experiences of other disenfranchised Americans today? How can students use *Uprooting Chinatown* to consider national events and issues within a local perspective?

Morning

Participants will conduct open-ended inquiry with primary sources, including documents, maps, and photographs to consider how public policy can promote exclusion by race within the complexity of the essential question – When does racism masquerade as public health? We also will discuss practical and useful ideas for implementing Social Studies field-based education through learning activities and student-generated research.

Afternoon

We will explore and hear the authenticity and character of historic San Francisco's Chinatown through its alleyways, food markets, temple, and herbal store. Discover the origins of Chinatown, its living conditions, and how landmark 19th century US Supreme Court cases, as well as the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 impacted the history of the United States.



Presenters for Uprooting Chinatown

Roxi Farwell, former classroom teacher, long-time Chinese studies researcher and National Park Ranger for more than 30 years, is committed to investigating and sharing the lesser-known aspects of history, and engaging students and teachers in historic inquiry to challenge our assumptions about historic events.

Esther Kwan worked for the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department, from which she retired as a Principal Recreation Supervisor. She stays involved with people and community by leading San Francisco Chinatown cultural and heritage walks in association with the Chinese Culture Center, and leads Chinatown food tours. Esther is a member of the Chinese Historical Society of America, and the National Trust for Historic Preservation.



Lois Kwan worked with the San Francisco Unified School District and the San Francisco Police Department (SFPD) from which she retired. She has been performing with the SFPD Lion Dance Team since 1988. Besides leading SF Chinatown food tours, Lois is a Chinatown Walk Docent for the Chinese Culture Center and the Chinese Historical Society of America. She volunteers at the San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park.

Kelsi Ju is a National Park Ranger at Crissy Field Center, an urban environmental center. She spent her middle and high school summers as a camper with Chinatown YMCA/Family Camp program. She later became a camp counselor just as her father had done before her. Kelsi is committed to sharing the untold story of ethnically diverse people in order to make the national parks welcoming for all.



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is an inquiry-based series of workshops for secondary Social Studies teachers presented since 2009. The series is framed by the essential question – “What happens when we teach untaught histories?” We will be offering an array of Saturday workshops in the Golden Gate National Parks throughout 2017. Each session will be FREE and participants will receive a special stipend and resource packet for classroom lessons.

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How to Apply

Applications will be accepted through February 25th or until our workshop capacity is reached. A refundable application fee of \$25 must accompany your application. The fee is refundable upon completion of the workshop.

Refundable Fee

Make your check to: Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy and mail with completed application form (below) to:

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